

THE SENATE PAGE

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Message from the Chair

Elena Fuentes-Afflick, MD, MPH

Dear Colleagues,

As the Chair of the UCSF Academic Senate for 2009-11, I look forward to working with you all this Academic Year. In 2009-2010 we engaged with issues including discussion and input on [furloughs and budget issues](#), the future of UC's [Post Employment \(Retirement\) Benefits](#), and input to the [UC Commission on the Future](#).

In 2010-11, we will continue to engage with the Post Employment (Retirement) Benefits review process as well as with the campus-wide efforts toward Operational Excellence. The Senate will also continue to advocate for fair negotiations and faculty rights where larger journal publishers are concerned (see Focus ON below).

To the outgoing chairs, I'd like to thank you for all of your hard work. To the incoming chairs, I welcome you and look forward to working with you.

For more information about the Senate, I encourage you to speak with colleagues who are active in the Academic Senate, visit our website <http://senate.ucsf.edu> or send me a message at academic.senate@ucsf.edu.

Sincerely,



Elena Fuentes-Afflick, MD, MPH
Chair, UCSF Academic Senate, 2009-2011



Richard Schneider, PhD, Vice Chair, *Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication* Chair, *University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication*

Focus ON: Richard Schneider, PhD

Richard Schneider, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, is entering his third year as Vice Chair of the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications while simultaneously holding the position of Chair of the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication.

Rich has been a tireless advocate for our Libraries including publishing rights, open access, and funding for space. Additionally this year, along with UCOLASC and the University Librarian, Karen Butter, Rich has spearheaded efforts to encourage large publishing companies to fairly negotiate the cost of subscriptions. Most recently, the Nature Publishing Group (NPG) has insisted on increasing the price of our license for Nature and its affiliated journals by 400 percent beginning in 2011, which would raise our cost for their 67 journals by well over \$1 million dollars per year.

For more information about the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication and negotiations with NPG, please visit <http://tiny.ucsf.edu/SrdEm6> and <http://tiny.ucsf.edu/7r3pzq>.

Issues in the Spotlight:

Course Review System Goes Online

In January, the Academic Senate launched its Online Course Review System. The course submission and review process are now fully electronic. Finalized courses are published to the UCSF Course Catalog. All faculty have access to the system via their MyAccess landing page. Staff may request access to the system by contacting the Academic Senate Office. For more information, please visit <http://senate.ucsf.edu/courseactions.index.html>.

Committee on Research Joins the Resource Allocation Program (RAP)

This fall, the Committee on Research's two grants, the Individual Investigator Grant and the Shared Equipment Grant, will join the Resource Allocation Program (RAP). The Senate's Shared Equipment Grants, usually granted only during the winter months, will be awarded at the same time as the Individual Investigator Grants (at both the fall and spring funding cycles). This association will make the grant process fully electronic along with the added benefits of a greater depth of reviewing faculty and shared administrative resources. Additionally, grants monies may be awarded across funding organizations thereby increasing the number of funded applicants. For more information on the new affiliation please visit the *UCSF Today* story online at <http://tiny.ucsf.edu/3BCBdb>. For more information on the application process please visit: <http://rap.ucsf.edu/>.

Appreciation for Outgoing Senate Committee Chairs

The Academic Senate and the UCSF campus have been ably represented by some exceptional committee chairs during the 2009-2010 academic year. We recognize the dedicated service of these outgoing committee chairs: Roberta Rehm, Academic Freedom; Stephen Kahl, Committee on Academic Personnel; Warren Gold, Academic Planning and Budget; Brad Hare, Clinical Affairs; Christian Vaisse, Courses of Instruction; Thomas Kearney, Education Policy; Susan Kools, Equal Opportunity; Jacque Duncan, Faculty Welfare; Elizabeth Watkins, Graduate Council; George Rutherford, Library and Scholarly Communication; Frederic Waldman, Privilege and Tenure; and James Sorenson, Committee on Research.

Important Dates and Deadlines:

September 11: Academic Senate Leadership Retreat

September 13: Coordinating Committee

October 19: Fall Faculty Research Lecture for Clinical Research, Stephen Hulley

November 14: Coordinating Committee

November 10: Distinction in Teaching Nominations Due

November 24: Distinction in Mentoring Nominations Due

Meet the Senate Leadership



ELENA FUENTES-AFFLICK, MD, MPH
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Pediatrics and Epidemiology
Chair



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Professor
Social & Behavioral Sciences
Vice Chair



PETER LOOMER, DDS, PhD
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